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(SBU) On Sunday, May 14 a group of unknown assailants attacked a truck owned by the logging company, Thanry, which is headquartered in Guiglo, killing two. Nine other Thanry employees escaped from the attackers; eight were later found by security forces, but one remains missing. The attack occurred close to Thanry,s logging concession, just north of the village of Zouan, some 12 kilometers from Guiglo. A contact at Thanry confirmed that the members of the crew were all of the Guere tribe, but he was not inclined to label the attack as an ònic killing.⁸ The stretch of road where the attack occurred is apparently known for banditry. However, on this occasion, neither the truck nor any equipment was taken. Thanry,s management and the local defense and security forces are investigating. Though the motivation is unclear, this attack, which follows another violent incident in the same area at the end of April (reftel), is another reminder that the West remains a dangerous and volatile region.
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